(c) the year-wise amount actually spent by the State Government out of this amount; and

(d) what are the details of the purposes for which this amount was provided to Madhya Pradesh from Central Road Fund alongwith the details of the purposes which have been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Allocation of funds under Central Road Fund to various States including the State of Madhya Pradesh, is done having regard to the consumption of petrol, the schemes sanctioned and the availability of funds. During the last six years following allocation has been done to the State of Madhya Pradesh:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation of funds
1994-95	236.00
1995-96	74.00
1996-97	98.00
1997-98	99.00
1998-99	25.27
1999-2000	287.02

(c) and (d) CRF is a non-lapsable fund. It is expected that the State Government would spend these funds only on the works sanctioned under the CRF by the Government of India. Further funds to the State(s) are allocated only after receiving utilisation certificate in respect of the amount allocated earlier.

Delhi-Calcutta National Highway Project

1053. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has sanctioned a first tranche of 516 billion dollars for a four lane National Highway between Delhi and Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what is the time schedule for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. World Bank has approved a loan of US $ 516 million only for laning of certain stretches totaling to 477 Kms. National Highway No. 2 between Delhi and Calcutta.

(b) The Project is targeted for completion by December 2003.

Development of NW-II as all weather navigable waterway

1054. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 136 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd February, 1999 and state;

(a) the break-up of Rs. 17 crore spent for purchase of dredgers, nature and utilisation status of such dredgers in NW-II.

(b) the details of fairways and terminal developed and navigational aids, equipments purchased showing the financial involvement;

(c) the details of instruments procured for night navigation and its utilisation status;

(d) the steps undertaken to make NW-II all weather navigable for heavy vessels supported by achievement parameters as well as set targets; and

(e) the details of new proposals to develop NW-II?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) A provision of Rs. 15 crores is made in 9th Plan Outlay for dredgers for NW-2. An order for procurement of one Hydraulic Surface Dredger at a price of Rs. 5.30 Crores has already been placed. Action is also in hand for procurement of one cutter suction dredger at a cost of Rs. 6.38 crores.

(b) Details are as under

(i) Fairways:— Navigable channel of 2 meter depth is maintained up to Pandu for about 330 days in a year. River Conservancy works